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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6532

BILL NUMBER: HB 1064

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 16, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Report of Health or Safety Violations.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Pelath

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that an employee of a private employer may report violations of federal, state, or local laws to the employer, or in certain circumstances, to another person, agency, or organization and that an employee disciplined for reporting a violation may bring a civil action against the employer. The bill prohibits the sanctioning of an employee who reports violations in good faith.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: *Court Fee Revenue:* If additional civil actions occur, revenue to the state General Fund may increase if court fees are collected. A civil filing fee of \$100 would be assessed when a civil case is filed. 70% of the filing fee would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Court Fee Revenue:* If additional civil actions occur, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources. The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$100 filing fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, city and town courts.

Information Sources:

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